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JUST WHAT IS THE S.R.C. UP TO?

Over the last few months the S.R.C. has been rather more prominent than usual. First we had the annual election and the Annual General Meeting. Then there was the question of sending an observer from the National Union of Australian University Students to the forthcoming I.U.S. Congress in Moscow which gained considerable publicity in the local and city press. This was followed by another meeting called by the S.R.C., a film show and various articles which have appeared from time to time in "Woroni".

Yet for all this there still seem to be a number of students who have only the vaguest idea of what the S.R.C. and its functions are. The S.R.C. consists of nine members elected by the students from amongst themselves and a new Council is chosen annually. At present it consists of the following persons -

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| John Edwards | Valerie Townshend |
| Maris King   | Malcol'a Yell     |
| John Brook   | Lloyd Welhuish    |
| Bill Meyer   | John Carroll      |
|              | Gordon Low        |

What does the S.R.C. do?

First of all, and most important, it spends your money. The £1 you are parted from at the commencement of the academic year is handed over to the S.R.C. by the College authorities. Five shillings of this is paid over to the Sports Council for the benefit of those who play sport in the various College teams and the rest we spend as we damn well please!

The S.R.C. this year, like the S.R.C. of all previous years, is growing into a chummy little group, fond of each other's company, fond of fun and extremely partial to good cigarettes, wines and beers. We like to ride in taxis at other people's expense and if we like to do so at yours - YOU CAN'T STOP US! Once elected we are in sole control of a large sum of your money, plus any more we can raise by using it. You can't get rid of us and you can't prevent us doing as we please.

What are we doing with this money? Wouldn't you like to know!

The S.R.C., unfortunately, has a peculiar kink. Having been handed the one position of authority within the student organisation at the College, together with the major portion of a handsome sum of money, it holds the incredible view that this money is to be regarded as a trust to be spent on your behalf. It, to date, has held a minimum of private grog parties on your money, trying instead to spend it in ways that will give you some return for your £1. Five shillings of this is dead easy. We give it to the Sports Council who are doing a damn fine job with it. With their share of the 20/- you pay, they are subsidising -

- A Cricket Club
- A Hockey Team
- A Women's Basketball Team
- A Table-Tennis Club
- A Rqcquets Club
- Social games of tennis on Sunday afternoons.

In addition they are trying to organise other teams, notably a Rugby Union team, and are exploring the question of a gymnasium.

If you are a sporting type it's easy. You can get your money's worth by joining one or more of these teams and enjoying a subsidy paid by other students in the College. To do so you should get in touch with Lloyd Melhuish, the President, at FO3, or by leaving a note for him in the Students' Common Room.

The rest of the money represents somewhat of a problem. Fortunately, last year's S.R.C. managed to set up a new Dramatic Society within the College and were able to hand out some of their ill-gotten gains as a subsidy to the new Society. This group, whose President, by the way, is Bruce Hope, is now more or less self-supporting but we can probably get rid of a bit when they put on the College Review later in the year. Some of the balance can be frittered away on such things as jugs and teatowels for use by students wishing to make a cup of tea at the College, printing "Woroni", buying equipment (such as a typewriter) and donations to World Student Relief, affiliation with N.U.A.U.S., etc.

But try as we may, this will not get rid of all the money. With a failing heard, the S.R.C., both now and in the past, has turned to its stock in trade:-

The Annual Commencement Ball  
Mid-term and end of term dances  
Film-shows.

This, however, is not enough. Last year the Ball showed a profit of £63 which the S.R.C. gave away with a shudder of horror. Even our dances, confined mainly to Students, sometimes return a profit. In desperation the S.R.C. is going to take an unusual step this year. We are going to ask what you want. There is a large sum of money to be spent and we are just itching to get rid of it. Our programme includes the following items:-

- "Woroni" - which is expensive and could stand many more articles from students on almost any subject
- A Typewriter - again expensive, because we are going to buy a good one.
- A series of dances, the first of which will be in the College Hall on Friday, 21st of this month.
- More film shows, with full length features hired from interstate.
- A Ball for next Commencement
- A Review - with the aid of C.U.D.S.
- "Prometheus" - This is the College Magazine and will appear from its coma this year in a brighter form than ever
- Formation of a Debating Club - the first meeting has been arranged for Thursday, 10th June
- Visit by the New Zealand debating team
- Continuation of the Book Exchange

Some of these look like being very popular - some are likely to be a flop unless you stir your stumps and pitch in too.

But what are your ideas? Do you like this programme? Is there any suggestion you can make, however rude? If you have any idea for a show that we can organise, don't hesitate - let's have it now, while the money lasts. You can ring me at FO4, Ext. 92, leave a note in the Common Room or the S.R.C. Office, inside the Common Room, tell any member of the S.R.C., stick up a notice, or write a letter to "Woroni". (The letter should be placed on the table in the S.R.C. Office and addressed to the Editor). We will consider all ideas for any of the following -

- New clubs or societies
- Any sort of organised evening or weekend entertainment, except a house of ill-repute.
- A really worthwhile rage within the fair city of Canberra.
- Anything else you think of.

This is your chance - the finance is there and we'll try anything once. (p) Let us have your ideas before the 21st and we'll devote the term vac. to solid organising. If there is no response the S.R.C. will use the balance on a wild, blind party at one of Canberra's restaurants and gratefully crawl away to die!

J. EDWARDS  
PRESIDENT, S.R.C.

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END-OF-TERM DANCE

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An informal dance will be held in the College Hall on Friday, May 21st, at 8.30 p.m., to mark the end of first term. Admission charge 5/- - supper provided and refreshments available. All students and friends and/or relatives welcome.

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ATTENTION DEBATERS

It is hoped that in the fairly near future the College will receive a visit from a New Zealand Universities debating team. In order to assist in selecting the team to oppose them, the S.R.C. has decided to hold one or more debates, as warranted by the response of the students.

The first debate, which will be conducted on Parliamentary lines, will be held in the Students' Common Room on Thursday, 10th June, will commence at 7.30 p.m. On this occasion Malcolm Yell will affirm and Lloyd Melhuish will deny "That this House is of the opinion that the site of the national capital should be moved to Sydney". An invitation is extended to students to speak from the floor of the House.

If you have strong views on this subject, come along and say your piece. Even if you have no views at all, you are bound to enjoy the clash of ideas and your attendance will be appreciated.

G. A. LOW.

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"PROMETHEUS"

The College Magazine has at long last been resurrected and the Editor is calling for copy for the 1954 edition. He wants particularly short stories and poems, and other forms of creative literature. Closing date for copy is the end of the first term vac and contributions can be left in the S.R.C. Office in the Students' Common Room.

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EDITORIAL

Negotiations are at present in train with the College Council on the question of student representation on the Council. This subject has occupied the attention of many previous Student Councils and, although it has not been possible to make any satisfactory arrangements in the past, it is hoped that when the new Council takes office after the elections, it will be possible to finalise the matter.

It would seem that now, of all times, there is a need for student representation on the Council. It is likely that the College will gain autonomy in at least the foreseeable future and, furthermore, that the time is in sight when the College will have its permanent site and buildings. Involved in these matters are many things of vital interest to the students and the best person to watch student interests is surely a responsible member of the student body.

The growth of student activity at the College this year has been considerable and it is likely that it will increase ever further over the next few years. But such growth brings its own problems - there is a need for facilities for the various clubs and societies; members of the Sports Clubs are concerned about playing facilities for their teams; the Dramatic Society will need its own theatre; the indoor games clubs will need a place to carry out their activities. These are but a few of the problems which are bound to arise in years to come.

Let no-one think that this editorial is meant to imply any complaint about past cooperation between College and students. This has been excellent and no-one could be more appreciative than the writer of the thoughtfulness with which student needs have been considered by the authorities. But in years to come the students will have greater needs and many of them will have to be fulfilled by their own efforts. If the College is to become the vital and dynamic institution which all those who have its welfare at heart hope it will be, the fullest cooperation between the authorities and the student body is essential.

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#### NARELLAN HOUSE

All students are advised that as vacancies occur at the Narellan House hostel they are being reserved for students. It is hoped eventually to fill Narellan House with students. At the moment there exists a vacancy for one married couple. Any married student desirous of filling this vacancy is invited to contact Mr. Owen or Mr. Keith at the College.

In relation to other Canberra hostels the surroundings at Narellan House are excellent for students. As the hostel accommodates only fifty guests, students wanting to live there should give any vacancy which may occur their immediate attention.

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#### WANTED - A PEN-FRIEND

A request for a pen-friend at the College has been received from a Japanese student, Mr. Sunao Uchino, whose address is 1507 Nishimachi, Kurume-city, Japan. The correspondent lists his interests as literature, classic music, painting and drawing, tennis, collecting postage stamps, pamphlets and books. He is a senior high school student, aged 16, and is interested in social studies and geography.

If any student is interested in corresponding with this young man a copy of his letter may be seen in the S.R.C. Office

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#### STUDENTS' COMMON ROOM - BOOKINGS

Will the Secretaries of Clubs and Societies please note that reservation of the Students' Common Room for meetings should be made by telephoning John Edwards, at FO4

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#### KITCHEN FACILITIES

Students are advised that an electric jug and a teapot are now available for use by any student who wants to make a cup of tea or coffee for himself. This equipment can be found in the right hand cupboard under the sink in the canteen off the College Hall. Cups and saucers and a tea-towel have also been provided. Students who wish to make use of these facilities may leave their supplies in the cupboard in the Students' Common Room. It would be appreciated if care could be taken in using the jug - which is an expensive article - and in leaving the canteen clean. It is suggested that supplies left in the cupboard in the Students' Common Room should be clearly marked with their owner's name.

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CANBERRA UNIVERSITY RACQUETS CLUB

This body was formed on Monday, 3rd April, from the recently-established Tennis Club. The new Club now incorporates a Badminton branch as well as one for tennis. It was decided to keep the committee as compact as possible while at the same time maintaining an element of separation between the two branches. Hence two vice-Presidents were elected - Ann Penkethman for Tennis and Ed. Visbord for Badminton. Mr. Colin Proud was elected as Secretary of the Badminton section. The Committee now stands as follows:-

President - Duncan Ironmonger  
 Vice-President (Tennis) - Anne Penkethman  
 Vice-President (Badminton) - Ed. Visbord  
 Secretary (Tennis) - Wendy Cromer  
 Secretary (Badminton) - Colin Proud  
 Treasurer - Alf McCarthy

The Club has asked for and received a grant of £26 from the Sports Council and the Club's Constitution has been presented and approved.

W. CROMER  
 SECRETARY (TENNIS)

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CANBERRA UNIVERSITY DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Play readings will be held by the above society in the Students' Common Room at 7.45 p.m. on the following dates:-

Friday, 21st May - "The Inspector Calls" by Maxwell Anderson  
 Friday, 11th June - "Blow your own Trumpet" by Peter Ustinov  
 Friday, 25th June - "Eve of St. Mark" by Maxwell Anderson

All students are invited to participate in these play readings. Plays to be read on future dates will be publicised on the notice boards and in "Woroni".

BARBARA MINTO  
 SECRETARY

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F I L M S

The next film showing will be held in the College Hall on Friday, 18th June, 1954 - the second Friday of second term. Admission free and supper available. Watch noticeboards for programme details.

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COLLEGE BLAZERS

The S.R.C. is negotiating with a firm of tailors in Canberra for the provision of College blazers. It is anticipated that these will cost about £8.10.0 each, complete with pocket. The blazers will be of dark navy flannel with braid in College colours - Canberra blue and gold. Will anyone interested in obtaining one of these blazers please leave their names on the list in the S.R.C. Office.

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COPY FOR "WORONI"

"Woroni" will be published at fortnightly intervals throughout second term. Articles, notes and/or advertisements for publication should be left in the S.R.C. Office. Copy for the next issue of "Woroni" will close on the Wednesday of the second week of the vac.

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DON'T FORGET THE END OF TERM DANCE - FRIDAY MAY 21ST AT 8.30 P.M. IN THE COLLEGE HALL.